

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 125  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bill Bowden for his  
outstanding contributions to Fentress County  
and to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this General Assembly recognize those special persons  
whose dedication and hard work have had a significant impact on Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bowden is one such notable person whose work as the vice president  
and publisher of the *Fentress Courier* has been highly praised; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowden began his illustrious career in the newspaper business as an  
apprentice in October of 1963; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, the *Fentress County Leader Times* newspaper became the  
*Fentress Courier*, of which Bill Bowden subsequently became the vice president and publisher;  
and

WHEREAS, Bill Bowden has been an active and vital part of the community for several  
years, and has distinguished himself as past president of the Jaycees as well as the past  
president of the Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowden currently serves with distinction as a director of the Fentress  
County Utility Board and as a director of the Fentress County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bowden is a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite. He  
is also a Shriner and a member of the Little Crab Masonic Lodge; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Bowden and the *Fentress Courier* were the proud recipients of the Tennessee Hospital Association Recognition of Excellence Award, the only such award given in the state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowden is an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church in Jamestown; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Bill Bowden is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Betty Bowden, two daughters, Heather Bowden and Billie Jean Bowden Hudson; son-in-law Curtis Hudson and grandson Ryan Hudson; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to specially recognize one of Tennessee's finest citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Bill Bowden on his outstanding contributions to Fentress County and to Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.